



THE RARA RAG

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AUGUST MEETING: THE (WALL)PAPER CHASE

TIM BARRETT, K9VB, RARA VICE PRESIDENT

Many of us like to collect awards that we can display on our walls, WAS (Worked All States) and DXCC (100 countries worked) probably being the most popular, but there are many others. Did you know for instance that DARC, the German equivalent of the ARRL, offers a number of awards including ones for European contacts? They also have a logging system called DCL that is open to all radio amateurs. The August presentation will take us through some of the awards that are available and how to get them using a number of methods, paper cards, LotW, eQSL and an introduction to the multiple uses of DCL.



Our speaker Dr. Envi Tukay (who some of you may know under a different name!) is well qualified to give this presentation, He holds the Class I Worked All Europe Award and is only one of a very few non-Europeans to make the DARC's European Honor Roll five out of the past six years. This promises to be a very interesting presentation and I am certainly looking forward to it.

Please join us on August 6th, the meeting starts at 7:00PM at the Boy Scouts Headquarters at 2320 Brighton Henrietta Town-line Road, Rochester, New York 14623 or online by registering at

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T72ExnoDQcSxbBc7cGruvA .

Hope to see you there!

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2025 RARA Banquet

When:

Thursday, September 18, 2025

6:00 pm

Our presenter will be Daniel
Schneiderman from Rochester
Museum & Science Center

Buy Your Tickets!

Don't forget to buy your tickets!

Cost: \$60 per person or 120

Membership points

Make reservations no later than
September 11, 2025

Contact Suzanne Bishopp for
tickets at subishopp@gmail.com



ON THE AVENUE

3400 Monroe Avenue,
Rochester, NY 14618



BOARDZ BUZZ

TIM BARRETT, K9VB RARA VICE PRESIDENT

Increase in Membership Dues

If you follow the membership pages in the Rag or attend our meetings you will have heard that the board has been considering an increase in our annual dues and we have now agreed on what we need to do.

I'd like to use my Boardz Buzz column to outline why we are proposing an increase. But firstly I want to remind you all that this is not a decision that the board can make, it is up to the membership to decide. At our Annual Business Meeting in September the attendees will vote on our proposal and if it passes it will then take effect. This is a good reason to attend the meeting, your vote will count! Also if you have any opinions you would like to share with the board please email me at the address below or contact any other board member.

Why Do We Need Membership Dues?

We are a completely volunteer run not-for-profit organization, but it still costs money to run. The activities we put on all involve some level of expense. For example, any of the park-based sessions we hold (e.g. Winterfest, Getting on the air sessions, the recent well-attended and very enjoyable picnic) incur costs for pavilion rental plus the cost of food or refreshments. For some events such as the recent academy sessions to construct an EFHW antenna, or our annual banquet we make a charge for attendance but this does not fully cover the costs and both of these events were subsidized.

Each general meeting costs us close to \$200 once we have paid rent, provided refreshments and raffle prizes. (The raffle may or may not cover the cost of the prizes and raise money for the club, but refreshments are subsidized).

There are also ongoing costs, insurance is needed, we have to pay for the hosting of our website and email delivery service for example. All of these costs have increased considerably over the years.

Just about everything has a cost and the board feels it is important that our routine expenses should be met by annual income.

Don't we have Capital in the Bank?

Yes we do. We need working capital as many of our costs are incurred before any covering revenue, for instance the Hamfest is an expensive event to put on and although we generally cover those costs and even get some income, that all comes after the event.

In the past we were able to increase or at least hold steady our capital but in the past two or three years we have been eating into those funds just to carry out our normal operation. That cannot continue, at the present rate we would run out of money in a few years and be unable to continue as a club. We are also

reluctant to cut back on activities as a way of saving money, though of course we are looking at ways of reducing costs.

What is the Proposed Dues Increase?

Our membership dues have not increased for well over a decade so that is why they do not cover our costs the way they used to.

We propose that annual membership be increased to \$30. Associate members (with no license) and seniors would pay \$20 per year and family members \$10. These would come into effect immediately after the vote at our September meeting assuming they are approved.

Once again, if you have thoughts about these changes please email me or one of the board.

Tim Barrett, K9VB, vicepresident@rochesterham.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6, 2025 - RARA Meeting 7:00PM In Person at Boy Scouts Headquarters, 2320 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd, Rochester, NY 14623 and On-Line at this link https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T72ExnoDQcSxbBc7cGruvA

THURSDAY August 7, 2025 - RARA Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM - ONLINE
Email request for link to secretary@rochesterham.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

TIM BARRETT, K9VB, RARA VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Our Hamfest was a great success, and I was especially pleased to see it attract a good number of new members. We had 17 people joining either at the Hamfest or on the day or two before, plus a lot of renewals. That has put our membership at 510 members, which is seven more than our total at the end of the last membership year back in September 2023. Great news!

In my Boardz Buzz article in this Rag I outline the proposed new membership dues which will come into effect after a vote at our September meeting if approved, so please read that article carefully as your vote will count!

If you haven't renewed yet or wish to join, now is a good time. Currently, all renewals or new memberships extend through September 30th, 2026, you get 14 months for 12. As a bonus these are at the current rates, before dues go up!

If you are not sure of your membership status please take a moment to go to the [renewal page](#) on our website to check that your membership is up to date, and if it is not, you can renew from there. Renewing early for the 2026 season helps reduce our admin work as well.

When an associate member gets their license we upgrade them to full member at no extra cost, but the FCC does not inform us automatically. We often spot an upgrade but not always so if you are recently licensed, please check that we have your call.

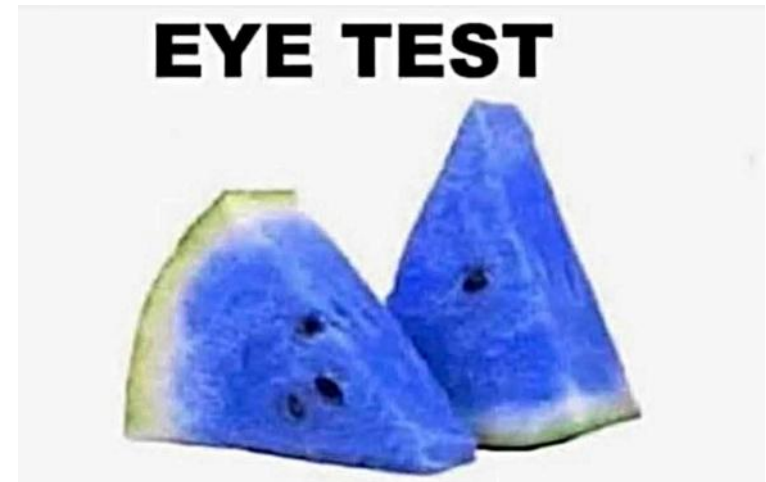
I'd like to give a warm welcome to all those who joined at our Hamfest:

Ralph Celone, N1GBE
Michael Currier, KE2EGP
Raj Dewan, N2RD
Stephen Fortune, WV2Z
John Hysell, K2HJ
Lowell Malo, W0VHF
Ravi Mehta
Ken Mercurio
Steve Niesciur
Carole Rossney
Bryant Spross
Denise Uminski, N2HP
Tony Vitucci, N2AJV
Mike Weber, AG2O
Hans Witt, KD2ZIC
Eric Wobschall, K3TQ
John Young

Remember to look for new members at RARA events and make sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the club!

Finally, there is still time to let me have any thoughts on our upcoming plan to revise the membership dues. This is necessary after more than ten years because all of our costs are increasing. There will be an opportunity to discuss these at our August meeting and then you, the membership, will be voting on their adoption at our September business meeting. You can also email me at the address below if you have any thoughts.

Tim Barrett, K9VB membership@rochesterham.org.



If you see this watermelon as:

RED - You are a normal person

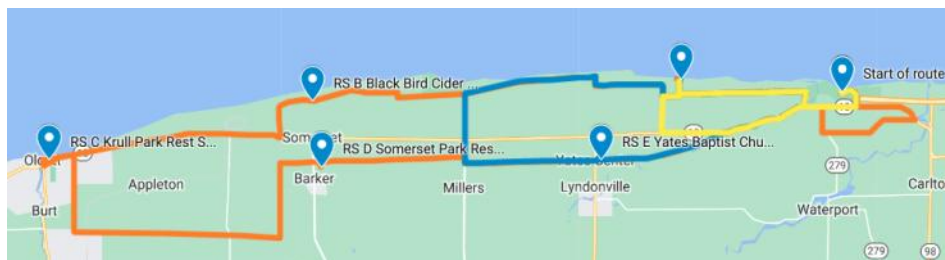
GREEN - You are a bit odd

BLUE - You need to volunteer for RARA

PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT

MIKE MOORE, KC2NM, PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATOR

RARA is proud to partner with Orleans County ARC to support the MS ROC the Ride Great Lakes Experience on August 9th! This scenic bike ride, traversing Orleans and Niagara Counties, raises crucial funds for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Join us as we cycle for a cause and help change the world for those impacted by MS. See the [2025 Great Lakes Route Map](#) for ride details.



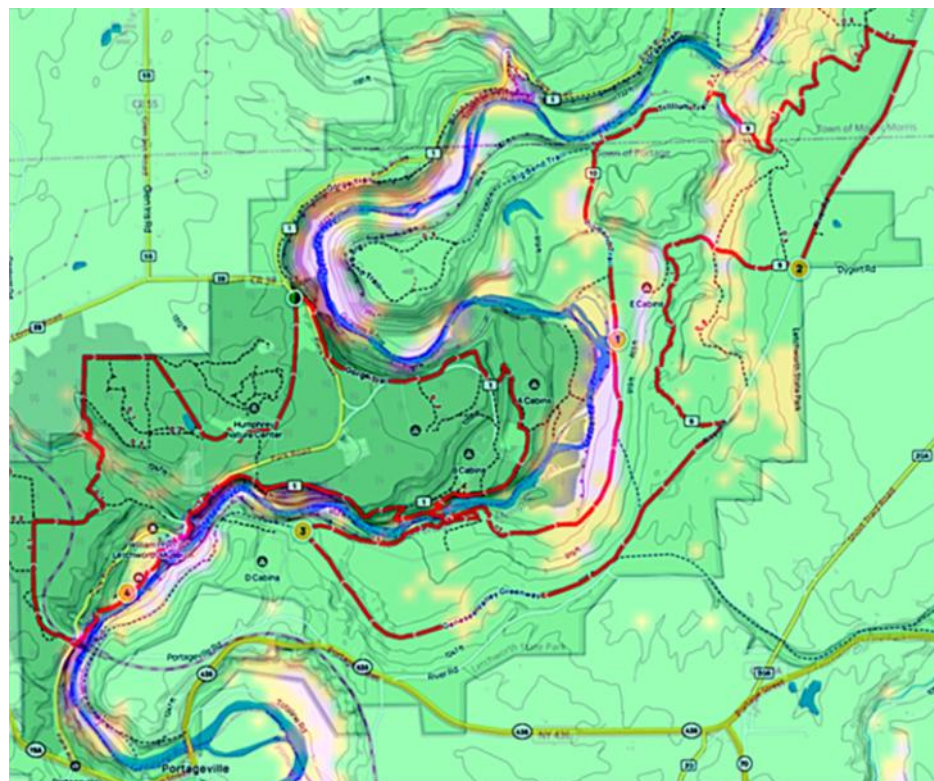
Communications will use the NR2C repeater on 443.3 (new frequency). Chuck, NR2C owns this repeater located at his home in Medina. The command center will be set up in the picnic pavilion at Lakeside State Park, with communications support from a coalition of amateur radio groups. There are 3 routes (62.5 (orange), 25 (blue), and 18 (yellow) miles) that will be the same as last year's planned ride. The 62.5 mile ride will start at 8 AM, and the other two rides will start at 9 AM. We will provide Route Communications, Sag, and Sweep Roles. We are invited to lunch and the after-party following the ride. Sign up as a volunteer on the Public Service Page at rochesterham.org.



RARA is excited to announce we will be providing critical communication support for a challenging 20-mile, 8-hour hike through Letchworth Park on August 9th. Due to the park's diverse topography, we may need to employ a multi-faceted approach using multiple repeaters, cross-band communication, and potentially even 6 meters or HF bands to ensure clear and reliable communication throughout the event.

While shadowing event officials and sweep teams on the trails may require physical exertion, this event also offers opportunities to work from a comfortable

rest stop and enjoy camaraderie. Importantly, this real-world scenario provides a valuable training ground for honing our communication skills in a demanding environment, similar to what we might encounter during a disaster situation.



To ensure seamless communication throughout the hike, we will be deploying radios at the following key locations:

- Command Center (HQ): Main communication hub for coordinating all activities.
- Start/Finish Line: Facilitating communication between participants and event staff.
- 4 Aid/Water Stations: Strategically placed for participant support and reporting needs.
- Sweep Crew: Maintain contact with the last hikers on the trail and report any issues.
- Shuttle (Low Priority): Providing backup communication for the shuttle service.

The event will run from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We can create two operational shifts to ensure adequate coverage throughout the day. Interested RARA members are encouraged to sign up for this rewarding opportunity at rochesterham.org or contact Jon Dickason, N2JAC jondickason@yahoo.com.

2025 RARA PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS AUGUST

Event	Location	Day	Date
MS Roc the Ride Great Lakes	Lakeside State Park	Saturday	Aug. 9, 2025
Mammoth March	Letchworth State Park	Saturday	Aug. 9, 2025
ILLW	Charlotte Gene-see Lighthouse	Saturday - Sunday	Aug. 16, 17, 2025
Fairport Liftbridge Regatta	Perinton Park	Saturday	Sep. 20, 2025
Wilmot Warrior Weekend	Xerox Webster	Sunday	Sep. 28, 2025
JOTA and/or CTC	Camp Cutler Naples	Saturday	Oct. 24, 25, 2025
Pumpkin Patrol	Overpasses of the New York State Thruway	Thursday - Friday	Oct. 30, 31, 2025
Maker Faire	Gordon Field House RIT	Saturday	Nov. 15, 2025

A SAFETY REMINDER FOR PORTABLE ANTENNAS

<https://qrper.com/2025/07/a-tragic-reminder-safety-must-come-first-in-the-field/>

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: RECOGNIZE RARA'S DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!

It's that time of year again to celebrate the unsung heroes of the Rochester Amateur Radio Association (RARA)! As we reflect on the past year, we're incredibly grateful for the countless hours of dedication and hard work put in by our amazing volunteers. From organizing events and maintaining equipment to mentoring new hams and keeping our repeaters humming, their contributions are the bedrock of our vibrant club.

Now, we need *your* help to ensure these efforts don't go unnoticed. We're officially opening nominations for the **RARA Club Service Award**, recognizing individuals who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to RARA over the past year.

Who are we looking to honor?

Anyone who has significantly contributed to RARA's success in 2024-2025! This could include:

- Members who consistently volunteer their time at club events, field days, or public service activities.
- Individuals who have played a key role in maintaining RARA's equipment, repeaters, or club station.
- Those who have dedicated themselves to teaching, mentoring, or supporting new amateur radio operators.
- Members who have taken initiative on special projects or improved club operations.
- Anyone whose consistent effort and positive attitude make RARA a better place for everyone.

How to Nominate:

Submitting a nomination is easy! Simply send an email to mikemoore14534@gmail.com by **September 1, 2025**. In your email, please include:

- **Subject : Call for Nominations**
- **Your Name and Call Sign**
- **The Nominee's Name and Call Sign** (if known)
- A brief but detailed explanation (a paragraph or two is perfect) of **why you believe this individual deserves recognition** for their club service during the past year. Be specific about their contributions and impact!

The RARA Board of Directors will review all nominations, and the award recipient (s) will be announced and honored at our annual **RARA Awards Banquet** Thursday September 18.

Let's show our appreciation for the individuals who make RARA such a fantastic community. Take a moment to think about who has truly made a difference this past year and put their name forward. Your nomination helps us celebrate the spirit of amateur radio and the dedication that keeps our club thriving!



EDUCATION

AARON ROMBAUT, KE2DYI, Education Coordinator

RARA LICENSE COURSES

AARON ROMBAUT, KE2DYI

License Classes

All classes have completed for the season. Classes will resume in **September**. If you are interested in learning on your own prior to the next session, please email education@rochesterham.org.

License Testing

All regularly scheduled testing sessions have ended for the season. Regular testing sessions will resume in **September**.

License Manuals

All current editions of the **ARRL License Manuals** are available to club members for just **\$25** — a great deal compared to the **\$43.45 retail price (after shipping)**!

Interested? Just send a quick email to education@rochesterham.org.

License Class	Current Edition	Valid Through
Technician Class	5 th Edition	June 30, 2026
General Class	10 th Edition	June 30, 2027
Amateur Extra Class	13 th Edition	June 30, 2028

Question Pool Updates

Due to errors, omissions or FCC Rule changes, the National Conference of VECs [Question Pool Committee](#) has formally withdrawn the following questions. Questions deleted from the pools **should not** appear on exams.

- Technician Class: T7D05
- General Class: G1C08; G1C10; G1E09; G6B09; G8C01; G9C06; G9D13

- Amateur Extra Class: E2A13; E9E10
- Ref: <https://www.arrl.org/withdrawn-questions>

RARA ACADEMY AARON ROMBAUT, KE2DYI

FIND YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE IN AMATEUR RADIO

One of the goals of the RARA Academy is to support that spark—to help you take the next step, no matter where you are in your Amateur Radio journey. Right now, there are no scheduled Academy sessions, but that's where *you* come in.

Send your ideas for future sessions to education@rochesterham.org. Whether you're just starting out or looking to deepen your skills, chances are others would benefit from the same topic.

Not sure where to begin? Here are a few possibilities to get you thinking:

- Programming radios
- Digital modes (FT8, Packet, PSK31, RTTY)
- Setting up your computer for digital modes
- Logging software tips and tricks
- APRS basics and applications
- Fox hunting (radio direction finding)
- Connecting radio audio to your computer
- Learning Morse code (CW) from scratch
- QRP operating (low-power CW and SSB)
- Building and testing simple antennas

Every question is a good one, and every idea is worth considering. So—what can **RARA** do for you?

RARA ELMERS' CORNER

Suzanne Bishopp, W2SUZ
Rich Bishopp, KD2UBJ
Elmers' Corner Coordinators

1st Saturday of the month
September – May

It's camping season! And if you don't already know, that means Rich and I will be taking a break from our monthly zoom meetings.

Just because we won't be meeting every month, doesn't mean we can't help you. If you have any questions over the summer, just email us at elmerscorner@rochesterham.org. If we don't have the answers to your questions, we will find the right person who can help you. Any radio question, big or small - that's what we are here for.



The next actual zoom meeting will be September 6th, but I'm sure we will see you at the ILLW, August meeting and if you like the community service events our club helps with, we will probably be there as well.

As a member of RARA, you can have a link to any of our Elmers' Corner videos, just send me an email at elmerscorner@rochesterham.org and I will get that link to you.

Have a great summer, and don't forget to email us with your questions! I hope to catch you on the air during one of my POTA activations!
73

Next Zoom Meetings:

September 6th 10AM-12noon
October 4th
November 1st
December 6th

MORSE CODE TRAINING

DAVE WILSON, WA2HOY, RXCWG COORDINATOR

The RXCW Group assists Hams wanting to learn Morse Code or to develop their CW skills.

MORSE PRACTICE FOR ALL LEVELS ON ZOOM

Tim Brown, WB2PAY, hosts code practice for all levels on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. No classes for the summer. Resumes September 8th.
Register at: tjbrown@rochester.rr.com

Those wanting to start into CW QSOs and Morse Code can schedule coaching sessions on Zoom. Contact Peter Fournia, W2SKY for further details.

W1AW - <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-operating-schedule>

W1AW On The Air CW Practice

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
9 AM		Fast	Slow	Fast	Slow
4 PM	Fast	Slow	Fast	Slow	Fast
7 PM	Slow	Fast	Slow	Fast	Slow
10 PM	Fast	Slow	Fast	Slow	Fast

SLOW - 5, 7 1/2, 10, 13 and 15 wpm

FAST - 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 wpm

FREQ(MHz) - 1.8025, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, 50.350, 147.555

RARA'S NEW ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM

SCOTT THEIS, W2LW, DIRECTOR AND WEBMASTER

The Change

For our next meeting, our online web platform will be changing from GoToWebinar to Zoom's webinar platform. While we have been using a donated platform since the COVID-19 shutdown, the donor (my firm) has decided to move on to what they hope will be a better and less expensive platform. Enough of the backstory...

The Test

Since it is a system change, I will be holding a trial session on Sunday, August 3rd at 7:30PM. This will provide an opportunity for you and us to test the platform, work out bugs and become more familiar with Zoom's webinar software. For regular Zoom users, the interface is very similar except it is designed as an audience/group webinar as opposed to a general peer-to-peer meeting platform. This lets participants remain anonymous, allows for polls and surveys, and offers more control to the host.

Below is the link to sign up for the trial session. Like the old system, you must provide an email to receive your personal meeting link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Sy9n5wDIRyG7tPJ16f5Qow

If you have technical issues during the test and cannot resolve them yourself, you can email webmaster@rochesterham.org or call my cell (at the back of the Rag and also on the sign-up page). I will do my best to help resolve them.



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AUGUST RAFFLE PRIZES

- R&L Electronics \$25 Certificate
- How To Get On HF (book)
- Pacific Antenna Dummy Load

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

- ARRL Antenna Handbook

CW ELMERS

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Pete Fournia	W2SKY	Penfield	pfournia@gmail.com
Bill Hopkins	AA2YV	Brighton	whopkin4@naz.edu
Bob Karz	K2OID	Webster	rkarz@alum.mit.edu
Joe Rowe	AG2Y	Webster	ag2y66@gmail.com
Harry Williams	KF2TV	Kingsland, GA	harryw7872@gmail.com

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RARA ANNUAL PICNIC SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

MIKE MOORE, KC2NM

Our July meeting was the Annual RARA Summer Picnic! The weather was HOT and we enjoyed each other's company and the chance to do some outdoor operating! We had a good turnout of 26 at the Hopkins Point Lodge in Mendon Ponds Park.

We provided food and drinks for the picnic this year. Hamburgers, red and white hots were served with a selection of potato chips. We cooked on the charcoal grills provided with the shelter. The dessert of cookies and cake was very much enjoyed on this 95 degree day.

The club-owned FT 710 was operated using an end-fed multiband dipole. Many contacts were made during the [IARU HF World Championship](#) contest. Picnickers were treated to an FA-18 flyover courtesy of the National Warplane Museum - Geneseo Airshow.

Following dessert, we held a drawing for three door prizes. The lucky winners were awarded \$25 gift card from ARRL, a Helping Hand tool, and RARA Logo Notebook. Tickets for the 2025 RARA Banquet to be held September 18 at Pane Vino on Monroe Avenue were available for sale.

Folks stayed around for a while after the food was gone. They were just enjoying each other's company and the opportunity to share an old fashioned eyeball QSO.

The following members attended the picnic: Joe AD2DB, Ed K1EM, Stephen K2STF, Tom K2TMT, Rich K2UW, Karl Heinz K5KHK, Tim K9VB, Mike KB2SXO, Mike KC2NM, Brad KD2CZU, Mitch KD2DKB, Paul KD2DO, Jeff KD2PQP, Rich KD2UBJ, Don KD2WWY, Bill KE2DNZ, Clark KE2FGX, Bob N2BZX, Steve N2DZS, Bob N2HJD, John NV2K, Jim NY2US, Ron W2ELS, Suzanne W2SUZ, Dave WA2HOY, and Chris WB2DYJ



2025 ROCHESTER HAMFEST IN REVIEW

TIM GUYOT, KB1POP

What a great event! I'm going to start and end with a thanks to all our volunteers, participants, and vendors; it takes all three to have a great Hamfest!

Despite a downpour right around 0600 we lucked out with a bright sunny day. We had enough volunteers on-site to open early, ultimately drawing an attendance that was the highest in the last few years, just shy of 600.

What was happening on the grounds?

We had about 100 sellers in the flea market covering the full gamut of things you could buy, sell, or trade in the hobby.

Tech Talks on various amateur topics drew many attendees from all over.

The VE team proctored 13 exams, of which 10 were new licensees. Thanks to our VE team, and congratulations to those who passed for their first license and to those who achieved an upgrade.

Our raffle team handled 6 bucket raffles

- BTECH DMR-6X2 PRO
 - Solar Power Kit w/ LiFePO4 Battery
 - Powerpole Kit with Crimp Tool
 - Ham Radio Deluxe Software
 - Signalink USB Interface
 - DXEngineering Gift Certificates
- and dozens of door prizes.

The Country Store was well stocked, selling almost 6 tables of equipment including a mix of donations to the club as well as consignment items for attendees.

We had ARRL representatives that provided a section update in the Tech Talks, but also had a booth to answer questions and provide membership information.

Speaking of membership, our RARA membership team processed renewals, signed up new members, and sold some RARA merchandise.

ARES was set up to operate our Talk-In station starting before the sun rose and to answer questions about ARES for attendees.

Jeff Tewksbury, N2JQR and his team saved the day when we had some scheduling issues with our food vendors by serving about 150 lunches and breakfasts catered by Texas Bar-B-Q Joint.

Area clubs were set up in the flea market area to share information with participants.

Now time for more thanks and recognition

I'm writing as the chair of the committee, but this is not something I organized alone. I want to give sincere thanks to our other committee members.

KC2NM – Mike Moore – General Committee

KC1GHT – Scott Czeck – General Committee

KD2WWY – Don Wegeng – General Committee

W2EV – Ev Tupis – Presentation Programming

WA2MZG – Forest Shick – Raffle & Door Prizes

We had 46 volunteers filling roles in parking, license exams, ticketing, etc. Without those volunteers, the event would not have been possible.

First Name	Last Name	Call Sign
Erin	Platteter	AA2FO
DP	Dunn	AB2NM
Larry	Safford	AB2OY
Don	Kiser	AC2EV
Joe	DiVincenzo	AD2DB
Duane	Fregoe	K2SI
George	Adams	K4GWA
Karl Heinz	Kremer	K5KHK
Tim	Barrett	K9VB
Brian	O'Connor	KA2CGB
Mike	Sirianni	KB2SXO
Scott	Czeck	KC1GHT
Michael	Bowen	KC2BTW
Mike	Moore	KC2NM
Mark	Pedersen	KC2UES
Dawn	Lepard	KC2VJU
Tom	Wood	KD2IOB
Seth	Irwin	KD2QZG
Dave	Mitchell	KD2RAF

Rich	Bishopp	KD2UBJ
Gerard	Watkins	KE2BMW
William	Ryszytiwskyj	KE2DNZ
Aaron	Rombaut	KE2DYI
Julia	Rombaut	KE2GCR
Jamie	Oliver	KF2B
Hendrik	van Edig	N2DLN
Dan	Markiewicz	N2DTO
Steve	Gulack	N2DZS
Kevin	McCoy	N2KCQ
Mike	Kennerknecht	N2MAK
Ujval	Madhu	None
John	Viggiano	NV2K
Michael	Stewart	W1FRX
Dennis	O'Donnell	W2DJO
Ev	Tupis	W2EV
John	Derycke	W2JLD
Susan	Aiello	W2SBA
Peter	Fournia	W2SKY
Suzanne	Bishopp	W2SUZ
Cedric	Kron	WA2FTV
Dave	Wilson	WA2HOY
Forest	Shick	WA2MZG
Jeff	Sonstein	WA2RRB
Chris	Reich	WB2DYJ
Tim	Brown	WB2PAY
Yin	He	KD2YIQ



Also critical to our success were some great vendors / businesses.

Barnard Fire District (Field Owners)
<https://www.barnardfire.org/>

Best Rentals
<https://bestrentalswny.com/>

Rochester Tent & Event Rentals
www.rochestertentrentals.com



Texas Bar-B-Q Joint
<https://bbgrochester.com/>

TSXsport
<https://tsxsport.com/>

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If you are interested in participating in the event planning, please contact hproducer@rochesterham.org. Getting an earlier start will help us get more door prizes, more advertising, more attendees, and of course, more of our needed volunteers.







CONTESTING: YOU NEVER KNOW!

ENVI TUKAY, NV2K

I was not planning to participate in the CQ SSB Prefix (WPX) contest back in March. With my 40 m dipole finally needing replacing after years of service (and a few patching jobs), and my 4-band coupled resonator dipole for 20, 17, 15, and 10 meters badly in need of adjustment, I felt I might just sit this one out.

The WPX contests are great, because you can work anybody (well, any licensed station). All you need to do is send a sequential serial number, starting with "1" for the first contact. (You frequently hear contest stations asking a non-contesting operator they had just worked, "My number? What's my number?") But with one antenna needing replacement and the other needing an overhaul, I didn't think it would be practical.

A day or two before contest, a little voice in my parietal lobe (that's the back of my mind) was saying, "You could put together a dipole for 40 meters pretty quickly." My rig, feed line, and station accessories were in good shape, and so were the halyards to hold the antenna up, so it was only the antenna itself that was missing. As Friday afternoon was turning into Friday evening, I decided to listen to that little voice, and quickly put together that antenna. Up it went, and a quick trim or two and I was QRV. I worked the contest for a few hours, made 40-some odd contacts, submitted my log, and thought little about it afterwards. Until today.

Today, I received my UBN ("unique:" call sign appears in no other submitted log; "busted:" call sign or exchange was incorrect; "not in log:" the QSO does not appear in the other station's log) report. This told me a couple of things: First, my accuracy is slipping; I busted about 7 percent of the call signs. (I chose to blame that on the ton of static we're seeing, especially on the low bands.) Second, the results would be up on the contest website.

Upon checking the results there, I was surprised (in a good way). You can enter a call sign (yours, or somebody else's, if you're curious or a bit of a Nosy Parker) and see results for this year and several years back. There's a little icon to the right; you can click on it and download your certificate.

"Wow! First place in W2 (40m, single op, low power)!", I thought. "I couldn't have done any better if they had an overlay for retired right-handed PhDs who have only owned used cars!" Third place in the entire US is pretty good, too. I'll take it. In fact, I'll take them both. Come to think of it, I don't need to take them, they're right there on the wallpaper.

Like many good stories, this one has a moral, two actually:

1. Don't be discouraged if your station needs a little love before an event you want to operate in. Use the event as motivation to improve your station.
2. When you work in a contest, even casually, submit a log. It helps the contest organizers check the logs of the stations you worked, and, as the title says, "You Never Know!"



IAMBIC CW

JOE ROWE, AG2Y

“Zen like pleasure sending code using the minimal possible motion of your fingers.” Words I found on the Internet. Does that sound interesting? Read on.

Everyone starts with a straight key. This is good. However, as your speed increases, you will quickly find there must be a better way. Side to side paddles are the next step. The left paddle and thumb produce dots. The right paddle and pointer finger produce dashes.

In 1905 Horace Martin invented the “bug” and Vibroplex was formed. It revolutionized the industry with a faster and more ergonomic way to send CW. It was semi-automatic. A swinging pendulum gives repeating dots. The dash is still manual.

There are several shortcomings with this device. First, there is no control over the dash duration. A short dash might be confused with a dot. Second, there is no control of spacing. Dash Dash might be an M or T T. Dot Dash might be an A or E T. And if you press both paddles at the same time, you get a long dash – Dahhhh. The listener hears Duhhhh. To prevent Duhhhh, you must separate each dot and dash.

The good news was each operator sounded differently. Each operator had his own, what we call, “fist”. I could pick out my father, a bug user, easily in a crowd by his “fist”. The bad news was and still is, a poor “fist” is very difficult to copy. And today’s computer CW reading programs are useless.

In the 1970’s the electronic keyer was introduced. These require paddles with three wires. A separate wire for each paddle plus ground. Straight keys and bugs are two wire devices that connect directly to the radio. If you have an old radio, three wires connect your paddles to the external electronic keyer and then two wires to the radio. Modern radios have built in keyers that will accept either a two-wire straight key or three-wire paddles.

Three wire paddles and a keyer produce perfectly spaced dots and dashes and the duration of dots and dashes is perfect. We now have a system that can produce perfect code. However, there is still one missed opportunity.

As mentioned before, users had to separate dots and dashes to prevent “Duhhh”. CQ was sent: finger in/out, thumb in/out, finger in/out, thumb in/out. Space. Finger in/out, finger in/out, thumb in/out and finger in/out. One was hitting the paddles or “banging”. There is a better way.

Electronic keyers do not have the “Duhhh” problem. Touching both paddles at the same time produces the **iambic** poetry rhythm da-dum da-dum da-dum or in our case di da di da di da. Or if you touch the right paddle first, da di da di da di. So, CQ is done by letting the iambic keyer (da di da di) do the work. Finger in, thumb in, finger out, thumb out. Space. Finger in (two dashes), thumb in/out, finger out.

Smooth and “Zen like”.

Spacing between dots and dashes is controlled by the keyer, not the operator. CW is so good it can be read by a computer program.

For us old timers, key banging with bugs is difficult to unlearn. But it can be done with practice. I’m proof of that. For new CW operators, don’t buy a bug and becoming a banger. There is a better way to send CW - iambic. Just practice.

THE 2025 TECHTALK TENT: PRESENTERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN PICTURES FROM THE HAMFEST

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INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND

GEORGE ADAMS, K4GWA

Here is a great combination ... Ham Radio and Lighthouses! Do you like both or you may be interested in lighthouses? Do you want to join a global event that celebrates the heritage and importance of these maritime beacons? If so, you won't want to miss the annual International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW) on August 16th and 17th from 10AM-4PM, celebrated right here in Rochester in Charlotte, one of Rochester's great destinations! The ILLW is one of the most popular international amateur radio events in existence, attracting over 500 lighthouse entries from over 40 countries every year. It is not a contest but a fun and friendly way to make contact with other ham radio operators around the world who share a passion, fondness, or interests in lighthouses.

This year, you have a chance to participate in the ILLW at the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse in Rochester, NY. This historic lighthouse was built in 1822 and is the oldest active lighthouse on Lake Ontario. It is also a museum and a landmark that offers stunning views of the lake and the city. The Rochester Amateur Radio Association will be hosting the event and providing radios, antennas, and operators for anyone who wants to join in. You can operate on any authorized band or mode you prefer. You can also enjoy a tour of the lighthouse and learn about its history and significance. If you've been in the past, come back to meet old friends, make new ones and chew the rag. Our summer months are short but this event is memorable.

But that's not all! The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse is located at the Charlotte Beach, which is a popular destination for recreation and relaxation. You can enjoy the sandy beach, the cool breeze, and the beautiful scenery.

You can also find plenty of activities and attractions nearby, such as; The Ontario Beach Park, which features a carousel, a playground, a picnic area, and a performance pavilion. The Port of Rochester Terminal Building, which houses restaurants, shops, and a visitor center.

The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society, which offers exhibits and programs on the history of the



lighthouse and the area. The Abbott's Frozen Custard, which serves delicious ice cream and other treats.

So what are you waiting for? Mark your calendar and plan your trip to the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse for the ILLW weekend. You will have a blast operating from this unique location, making new friends, and exploring the beach. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a worldwide event that celebrates lighthouses and ham radio!

ROCHESTER AREA FIELD DAY REPORT

BOB KARZ, K2OID

The XRX Amateur Radio Club, Monroe County Amateur Radio Services, and the Rochester Amateur Radio Association joined forces to participate in Field Day 2025 at the lower soccer fields in Webster's Kent Park. Thirty-five amateurs took part from 2 PM Saturday to 2 PM Sunday. We made 899 contacts with other stations in every state except Alaska, most Canadian provinces, and a few other countries. Contacts were made using SSB with 200 QSOs, CW with 261 QSOs and digital (FT8 and FT4) with 379 QSOs. All contacts were made using generators or solar power per the FD rules.

We operated class 3A (three HF transmitting stations operating simultaneously) with a separate VHF station all using the call sign W2XRX. We also had a fourth station GOTA or Get on the Air station using the call sign WB2EOC specifically reserved for beginners. Joe DiVincenzo, AD2DB and George Adams, K4GWA were our full time GOTA coaches helping the newcomers through their first contracts. By the end of the event the GOTA operators had made 59 contacts with 21 states.

Field Day is also an opportunity to try new things. This year our GOTA station was powered by banks of solar cells rather than the generators. GOTA also made a contact using an antenna held aloft by a kite. For the first time, we put up long wire antenna for 160 meters and made 3 CW contacts.

This year we also had a tutorial on JS8Call, a mode that allows for more informal conversations than FT8.

The tutorial will earn us 100 bonus points towards our final score. We also earned bonus points for activities such as youth participation, message origination, publicity (see [2025 XRX Field Day another a great success | Search Results | webster on the web](#)), social media posting, and copying the ARRL FD bulletin.

Western NY Section Manager Scott Bauer, W2LC, dropped by as well as several other visitors.

Of course, Field Day is also food, conversation, and getting together with old friends.

Field Day next year is June 27 - 28. We plan to again be at Kent Park. We hope you can join us.

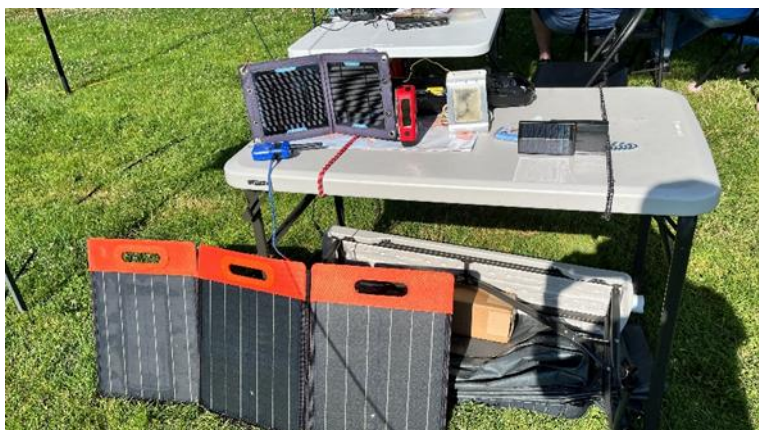


Making a GOTA Contact

FIELD DAY PHOTOS



GOTA Kite Antenna



Solar Power for the GOTA Station



Visitors make a contact with help from GOTA Coach Joe DiVincenzo, AD2DB



Larry Lavery, WW2J making a contact



Erin Platteter, AA2FO makes a GOTA Contact



Jon, N2JAC showing GOTA Progress



Paul, KD2DO presenting a JS8Call tutorial

THE 2025 HAMFEST: A FEW MORE HIGHLIGHTS

EV TUPIS, W2EV



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RARA CALENDAR

TIM BARRETT, K9VB, RARA VICE PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

August 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 K1USN Speed Test	2 TCARA Hamfest, Trumansberg 10-10 Summer Contest, SSB ARRL 222 MHz and Up NA QSO Party CW European HF Championship
3 10-10 Summer Contest, SSB ARRL 222 MHz and Up NA QSO Party CW SARL HF Phone Contest	4 AWA Net 145.110 MHz, 7pm VHF Group 9pm 144.260 SSB ICWC Medium Speed Test OK1WC Memorial WW Sideband Activity Contest ARS Spartan Sprint	5 ZL Sprint Phone Weekly Test	6 RaRa Monthly Mtg BSA & ONLINE 7pm ROC City Net ~3.830 MHz, 7pm A1 Club AWT CWOps Test VHF/UHF FT8 Activity Contest Mini Test 40, 80 Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	7 RARA BoD Mtg 6:30pm ARES Net 146.610 MHz, 7pm VHF Group 9pm 50.205 USB Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest NRAU 10m Activity Contest SKCC Sprint (Europe) Weekly RTTY Test NCCC Sprints QRP Foxhunt	8 K1USN Speed Test	9 MS Roc the Ride Mammoth March Letchworth Pk WAE DX Contest, CW Kentucky State POTA Maryland-DC QSO Party SKCC Weekend Sprintathon YB Bekasi Merdeka Contest 50 MHz Fall Sprint NCCC 55th Anniversary Fiesta
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NEWS FROM AREA CLUBS

MONROE COUNTY ARES / RACES NEWS

Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)® is an amateur radio public service organization based in Monroe County, New York, and is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. Monroe County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is a program of the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management. We participate in training and emergency exercises so that we can serve other agencies during times of communication failure.



The Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Inc. holds its meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month except in July, August, November and December. Anyone interested, members and non-members, are welcome to attend. The meetings are in person at 6:00 PM at the county EOC in even months and at the Red Cross in odd months. They are also available via Zoom. Please check our website for any schedule changes. Prospective members can request an invitation by email to: secretary@monroecountymcomm.org.

Monroe County ARES/RACES meets on the air every Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM, on the W2ARM 146.61 MHz (-) 110.9 Hz PL and 444.45 MHz (+) 110.9 Hz PL repeaters. Our club callsign is WB2EOC. On the nights when we hold our regular meeting, the net is at 5:30PM.

WEB: www.monroecountymcomm.org

Facebook: Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Inc.

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ROCHESTER DX ASSOCIATION, RDXA

Please check our website www.rdxa.com for up-to-date information regarding meeting locations and requirements, if any.



XRX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The XRX Amateur Radio Club is meeting quarterly at the Webster Recreation Center. Dates, time, and Zoom meeting info, when available, is sent out to our mailing list. How to subscribe and up-to-date information is always on our website at <http://xarc.us>. We have a System Fusion repeater south of the city on 145.290, and another on 444.825 west of the city. An XLX reflector, XLX927, and YSF reflector are typically bridged to the 145.29 machine, as well as Wires-X Room 21704. The system is DMR capable pointing your hotspot to XLX927.

AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER, ARAST

ARAST meets the third Thursday of every month at the Emergency Communications Center on Harris Hill in Big Flats, next to the National Soaring Museum. Our Chemung County ARES (CCARES) organization meets the first Tuesday of the month at the same location. Both organizations serve amateurs in Chemung County and the surrounding counties in New York and Pennsylvania. All are welcome to attend out meetings, which begin at 7PM. All monthly meetings are held both in person and on Zoom.

Don't forget to check out our repeaters when you visit the area. Currently, N3AQ 147.36(+) (PL 123.0) and N2EUS 145.220(-) (no PL) are our principal 2-meter repeaters. The former can also be accessed via Echolink node 574415 with the call sign KD2QND-R. A full list of repeaters in the Twin Tiers area can be found at https://arasth3.org/arast_website/public/repeaters.php. We also invite you to check out our 6-meter net on Wednesday evenings at 9 p.m. local time on 50.200 MHz USB. We would welcome participation from RARA members.

The 50th Elmira Hamfest will be held on September 27, 2025. We hope to see you there!

Details at

https://arasth3.org/arast_website/public/hamfest.php



COMMUNITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, CARC

If you are interested in being a part of this forward thinking and active club, visit us at a meeting or join us on one of our weekly nets. We meet at the Hoag Library (134 S. Main St. Albion, NY) on the first Saturday of each month at 7PM. Each meeting has a brief training/refresher period with upcoming topics including: net protocol, repeater set-up/maintenance, and digital signaling. The club holds a net every Sunday evening at 8pm (winter) and 9PM (summer) - 0100 UTC Monday - on 147.585 simplex, and we host the Thursday Night Social Net, Thursday at 8:30PM on 147.285+. We'd love to hear you check-in!

DRUMLINS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Wayne County EMO/Sheriff's Office 7376 State Hwy 31 #1000, Lyons, NY 14489. Doors open at 7 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Announcements will be made on the 146.685 repeater. The Drumlins ARC website address is <http://drumlinsarc.us/>

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION OF PERINTON, DCAP

DCAP members continue to experiment with leading edge digital communication modes. We were formed in 1994 to foster the development of local and regional packet radio networks using AX25 and TCP/IP. Today we have members using the club sponsored DSTAR repeater (KB2VZS on 444.8MHz), several personal and publicly accessible DSTAR hotspots, Yaesu System Fusion systems on non-club repeaters and DMR systems through repeaters and personal hotspots. DCAP members meet for breakfast at 7AM nearly every Saturday morning at Rikki's Family Restaurant in the village of Fairport and everyone is welcome to join us. Talk in is on the KB2VZS analog repeater on 146.715MHz with a PL tone of 110.9Hz.

KEUKA LAKE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, KLARA

Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday. Dish to pass meal at 6PM with the meeting at 7PM. All are welcome.

Don't forget our daily Monday thru Friday 75 meter HF net. Check in at 7:45AM and starts at 8:00AM on 3.896MHz. Always a great way to start your day.



See our website for details KLARA.US

ORLEANS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Orleans County ARC meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Orleans County Emergency Operations Center, 14064 West County House Road, Albion, NY 14411. Doors open at 6:00PM, meeting starts at 7:30PM. Anyone with an interest in amateur radio is welcome. Program topics vary from month to month.

The club has an open two-meter net every Tuesday night at 9:00PM local time on the club repeater, WA2DQL/R (145.27 -600KHz offset, 141.3 tone). Everyone is welcome to check in.

See the club website <http://ocarc.us> or contact club Secretary Ron Craig, N5BNO for more information.

ROCHESTER VHF GROUP

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join us on-line &
on-the-air! We're
here to help you to
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you worked so hard to get.**



Check out what we do by visiting our
website at <http://RVHFG.org> to start.

Join our e-mail group by sending a message
to RVHFG+subscribe@groups.io.

Join our weekly on-the-air nets on SSB:
2 meter band - Monday 9 PM 144.260 USB
6 meter band - Thursday 9 PM 50.205 USB

No VHF SSB radio (yet) to join the nets?
Log-in to Echolink ka2ene-L #23426

We can help to answer the question, "What radio
should I buy?" Here's a list of HF+++ radios, those
with the HF bands and at least three VHF bands,
giving you access to all sorts of VHF fun. Research
each one to see which serves you best. Ask
questions on our email list. We're here to help!

Yaesu FT-100D	Yaesu FT-817	Yaesu FT-818
Yaesu FT-847	Yaesu FT-857	Yaesu FT-897
Icom IC-706MKIIG	Icom IC-7000	Icom IC-7100
Icom IC-9100	Kenwood TS-2000	

Some are older models and some are newer models,
but all provide access to the 6 meter, 2 meter, and
70 centimeter bands using both traditional FM and
the exciting narrow-band SSB mode that supports
unexpectedly long-distance (100's of km's routinely
and 1,000's of km occasionally) VHF communication.
These are good all-around radios no matter what
club you end up affiliating with later. We hope its us.

SKENOH ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, SIARC

The Skenoh Island Amateur Radio Club and meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility, 2914 County Road 48, Town of Hopewell. We have License Exam Testing every other month which begins at 6:30PM. There will not be a SIARC meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 10th. There will be election of officers at the September meeting.

SIARC is also holding a Health and Welfare NET Monday through Friday each week at 2000 hours on the SIARC 146.820 repeater (located in Canandaigua, NY), Tone 110.9. This net is to pass along general information and keep hams in touch. All hams are invited to participate.

ROCHESTER RADIO REPEATER ASSOCIATION

The current club officers are Bob Odell, N2BZX - President, Bob Shewell, N2HJD - Vice President, Jay Stewart, W4JPS - Secretary, and Jerry Powell, KC2YSY - Treasurer / Membership Chairman. RRRA also accepts donations to the club. If you are not currently a member and want to support RRRA, you can join at our monthly meeting or on our web site using PayPal. www.k2rra.org

THE AMATEUR'S CODE

Originally written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928)

THE RADIO AMATEUR IS:

CONSIDERATE	Never knowingly operating in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.
LOYAL	Offering loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local club, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.
PROGRESSIVE	With knowledge abreast of science, a well built and efficient station and operation beyond reproach.
FRIENDLY	With slow and patient operation when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, co-operation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.
BALANCED	Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.
PATRIOTIC	With station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

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HAMFEST

Saturday, August 16, 2025 Howard, NY

Just off I-86 at Exit 35

follow signs to the Howard Community Center

Special instructions for GPS users:

Some GPS systems will recognize 7481 Hopkins Rd., Howard, NY.
Since Howard, NY does not have a post office or ZIP Code,
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Or use coordinates 42.3618,-77.510.



Talk-In
on the KLARA
Repeater System

145.190 — Bath, NY
147.045 + Arkport, NY
147.330 + Cameron, NY
PL 110.9

**Admission
and
Breakfast**

\$5.00 admission includes
one outdoor flea market
space or one indoor table
space. Also available is a
full breakfast with eggs and
pancakes.
Never ending coffee!

Hamfest Schedule

7:00 Vendor Admission
7:30 Open to the Public
8:00 Breakfast Begins
8:30 1st Door Prize Drawing
9:00 2nd Door Prize Drawing
9:30 3rd Door Prize Drawing
10:00 4th Door Prize Drawing
10:00 VE Testing
10:30 5th Door Prize Drawing
11:00 50-50 Drawing and
More Door Prizes

Must be present to win



Friday Night Camping

Join us for free on-site overnight camping.

Self contained camping units only.

No electric. No water.

Yes, an enjoyable evening with very friendly hams.

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